

## Key words from the RWU strand (continued)

Key words	Definition	Example
Simple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A type of sentence. A simple sentence has only one subject and one verb</li> <li>A type of word or text: Words of less than three syllables, texts dominated by simple sentences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am a Kiwi.</li> <li>Likely to be found in posters, billboards, magazine covers, junk mail, newspaper ads</li> </ul>
Compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A compound sentence occurs when two or more simple sentences are joined by conjunctions</li> <li>A compound word is two or more words that function as a single unit of meaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm a kiwi but I come from Australia</li> <li>I like mussel fritters, but Tania likes pipi fritters.</li> <li><i>steamroller</i></li> <li><i>wallpaper</i></li> </ul>
Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A type of sentence. A complex sentence contains more than one clause and one of the clauses is subordinate to the other</li> <li>A type of word or text. Multi-syllable words; texts that are more complicated than simple texts.</li> <li>A type of reading strategy. A complex strategy requires the reader to draw on their prior knowledge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm a kiwi from New Zealand, which is a small country in the South Pacific;</li> <li>When I was walking home, I met Hone.</li> <li>Likely to be found in work-related texts (eg. contracts, Maori Land Court documents), community texts (eg. school newsletters) and academic texts (eg. textbooks)</li> <li>An example of this is when a reader draws on the context to monitor their decoding for accuracy and sense, by asking themselves, "Does this make sense?"</li> </ul>

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Familiar words	Words that a person knows well , often because they have particular relevance to the person	Dear Mr Jones Please complete this application form for your daughter's attendance at the swimming classes. Mary Fish Swimming tutor
Everyday words	Words that are high frequency that are commonly used in a wide range of everyday contexts and are not technical or academic	When we went to the party we all brought our own drinks and a plate of eats to share.
Specialised words	Words that are used for a specific subject or context.	The mesoclimate may differ quite significantly from the macroclimate of a region because of aspect, elevation, geographical features and features such as shelterbelts, stopbanks etc
Technical words	Words that relate to industry or an applied science e.g. mechanical	The internet connection is down because of a bug in the system.
Academic words	Words that express specific ideas or instructions that are scholarly rather than specialised or practical and are generally found in education or theoretical contexts.	These words express abstract notions(for example, <i>ideology</i> , <i>capacity</i> and <i>phenomenon</i> , descriptions(for example, <i>ethnic</i> and <i>compatible</i> ), processes(for example, <i>decline</i> and <i>trend</i> ) and aspects of academic tasks(for example, <i>define</i> , <i>demonstrate</i> and <i>contract</i> )

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